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IN HOUSE OF COMMONS MAY 11, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD LOOK VERY BROADLY AT DIFFICULTIES OF BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPPING INDUSTRY "... TAKING PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS BEING UNDERCUT BY UNFAIR COMPETITION FROM SOVIET BLOC SHIPPING." THE PRIME MINISTER RESPONDED "... I SHALL LOOK INTO THIS MATTER ..."

COMMENT: AS DEPT IS AWARE, UK GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY HAVE FOR SOME TIME VIEWED SOVIET/EAST BLOC PENETRATION INTO NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING THROUGH CUT-RATES WITH CONSIDERABLE ALARM. MAY 11 STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER, WHICH REPORTED IN TRADE PRESS UNDER HEADLINE "PREMIER TAKES OVER SOVIET PRICE RATES ROW," IS FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH PRIME MINISTER HAS PUBLICLY BECOME ENGAGED IN ISSUE.

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